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COAPS Draft Regulation - Dissemination to [REDACTED] 25X1X7

25X1X7 1. The major ORE and CIA problem concerning the dissemination of CIA intelligence to [REDACTED] is not one of procedure, but of determining the types or character of the materials to be released. There is no policy, definition, or procedure mentioned in the COAPS draft that attempts to resolve this problem.

2. The procedure proposed by COAPS is cumbersome and time-consuming. The effect of this proposal would be:

a. Virtually to insure that any intelligence [REDACTED] received would be out of date because: 25X1X7

(1) The mere physical process of passing a document through something like six different hands would take considerable time, and

(2) In one or more of the offices concerned there would certainly be delays brought on by the peculiarities of the office.

b. To make it probable that [REDACTED] would receive little 25X1X7 if any US intelligence because:

(1) The immediate inclination of any office passing on a question of this sort—particularly the type of office that prevails under the terms of the proposal—is negative; sending the document might mean trouble later on for the official concerned; not sending it would be much safer.

(2) Documents will have to stand the test of various restrictive "policies".

(3) The larger the number of people involved, the greater the chance of a negative decision.

3. The Plans and Policy Staff in collaboration with the Publications Division has re-drafted the portion of the COAPS proposal concerning the dissemination of "intelligence" to [REDACTED]. No changes were made in the portions of this paper dealing with the dissemination of information as this subject is not one of ORE's responsibilities. 25X1X7

4. It is requested that the attached revised draft be approved and submitted to COAPS for consideration.

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